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SUBJECT: JOURNALIST IN VC COUNTRY

1. A POPULAR FORCE PLATOON PICKED UP JOURNALISTS TODD AND MOREAU ABOUT 1000, APRIL 29, IN QUAN LONG DISTRICT OF AN XUYEN PROVINCE AT WR 325055. THEY HAD SPENT 11 DAYS IN VC AREAS FO AN XUYEN PROVINCE. WITH THE TWO WAS TODD'S FEMALE CAMPANION, A FRENCH CITIZEN IN HER EARLY TWENTIES. THEY REACHED THE AN XUYEN CAPITAL UNDER POLICE ESCORT IN MID- AFTERNOON. THEY WERE UNHARMED BUT THE GIRL WAS BUSHED.

2. THE PROVINCE CHIEF PLANS TO PUT THE THREE UP INA CAMAU CITY HOTEL FOR THE NIGHT OF APRIL 29-30, AND SEND THEM TO CAN THO THE FOLLOWING MORNING VIA A VNAF HELICOPTER. THE REGIONAL

POLICE CHIEF, COLONEL HUYNH THANH SON, IS TO TAKE THEM IN HAND IN CAN THO.

3. AN XUYEN PROVINCE CHIEF, COLONEL NGUYEN VAN THONING RECEIVED

WRITTEN ORDERS TO CONFISCATE THEIR FILM, WHICH HE DID. HE GOT SUBSEQUENT VERBAL ORDERS TO IMPOUND THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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NOTES, WHICH HE DID ALSO. MOREAU IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS

TO HAVE HIS NOTES BACK.

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